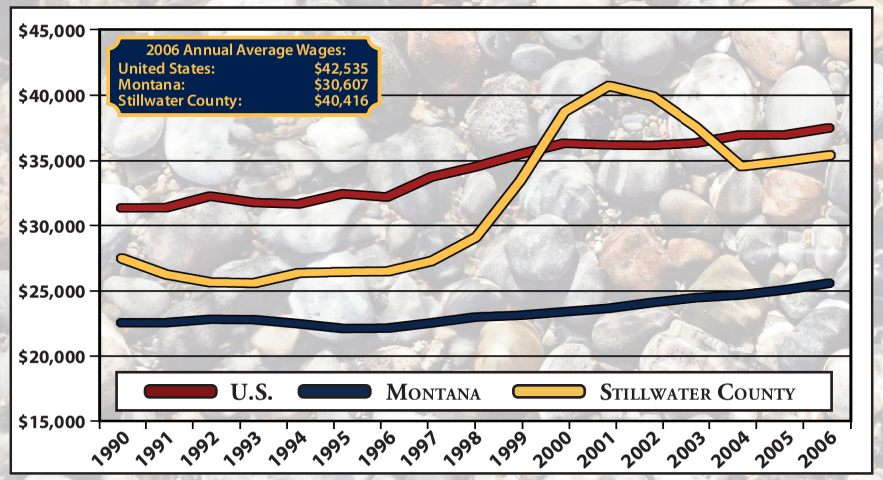
Annual Average Labor Force - Stillwater County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2006	4,446	4,332	114	2.6%
2005	4,360	4,224	136	3.1%
2004	4,476	4,321	155	3.5%
2003	4,309	4,151	158	3.7%
2002	4,472	4,288	184	4.1%
2001	4,661	4,489	172	3.7%
2000	4,423	4,223	200	4.5%

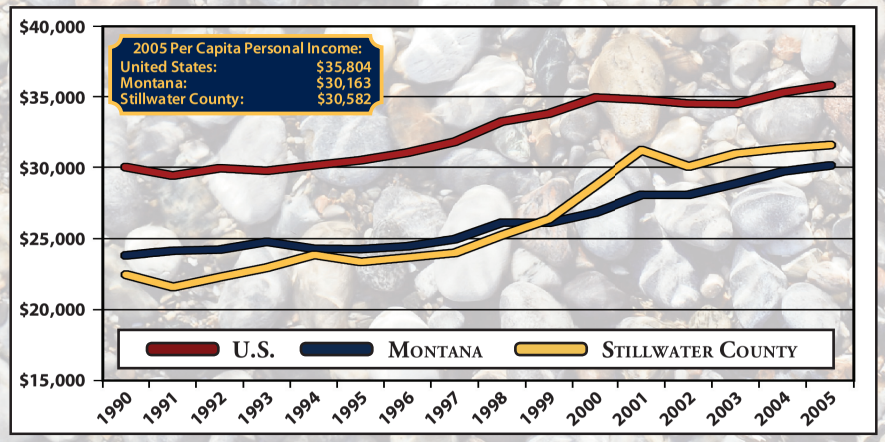
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2006 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2005 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System

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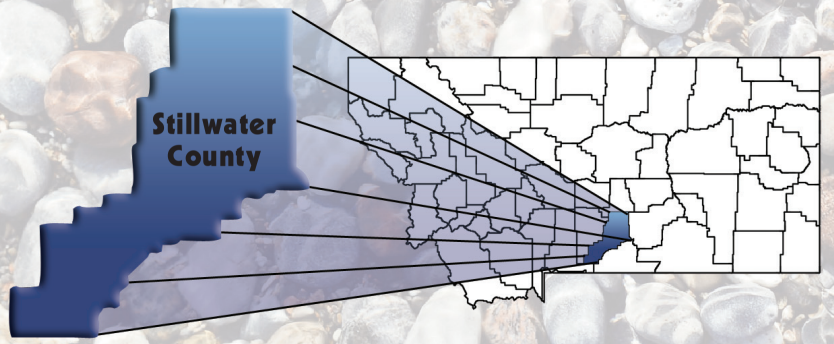

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Located in south central Montana, Stillwater County is the state's twenty-fifth most populous county, with an estimated 8,646 residents as of July 1st, 2006. Columbus, the county seat and a shipping center for surrounding farm and ranch lands, is the state's thirty-sixth largest city, with a population estimated at 1,931 in 2006.[1] Other cities and towns in Stillwater County include Absarokee, Dean, Fishtail, Limestone, Molt, Nye, Park City, Rapelje, and Reed Point.

The Stillwater Mining Company, headquartered in Columbus, is one of the world's leading producers of platinum group metals and the only significant primary producer of palladium in the western hemisphere.[2]

Tourism also plays an important role in Stillwater County's economy. From the Beartooth Absaroka Wilderness Area to the Stillwater and Yellowstone River Valleys, Stillwater County has no shortage of outdoor recreation opportunities. The Hailstone and Halfbreed National Wildlife Refuges are part of Stillwater County's Big Lake Complex, which is known for its abundance of waterfowl and migratory birds.

[1] *U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program*

[2] *Stillwater County Chamber of Commerce, www.stillwater-chamber.org/communities.php?itemid=38&catid=142*

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Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006 (continued)

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Miscellaneous store retailers	4	4	$5,301
Nonstore retailers	1	*	*
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	6	8	$14,937
Truck transportation	3	5	$21,839
Support activities for transportation	2	*	*
Postal service	1	*	*
INFORMATION	4	11	$36,090
Publishing industries, except Internet	2	*	*
Telecommunications	2	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	4	31	$37,182
Credit intermediation & related activity	1	*	*
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	1	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	2	*	*
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	7	12	$19,523
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	25	49	$28,017
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	1	*	*
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	7	6	$17,809
Administrative and support services	6	*	*
Waste management and remediation service	1	*	*
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	1	*	*
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	15	208	$16,447
Ambulatory health care services	3	9	$14,680
Hospitals	1	*	*
Nursing and residential care facilities	2	*	*
Social assistance	9	23	$8,307
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	9	29	$10,810
Performing arts and spectator sports	1	*	*
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	1	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	7	26	$10,661
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	28	272	$10,581
Accommodation	3	40	$10,949
Food services and drinking places	25	231	$10,517
OTHER SERVICES	18	62	$18,514
Repair and maintenance	5	17	$27,134
Personal and laundry services	2	*	*
Membership associations & organizations	8	37	$15,336
Private households	4	*	*
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	30	461	$26,437
Local Government	15	393	$25,703
State Government	6	33	$27,665
Federal Government	9	35	$33,588

The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	302	3,260	$40,423
TOTAL PRIVATE	272	2,798	$42,728
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	9	39	$31,541
Crop production	1	*	*
Animal production	6	33	$33,339
Agriculture & forestry support	3	*	*
MINING	7	*	*
Mining, except oil and gas	5	*	*
Support activities for mining	2	*	*
UTILITIES	7	21	$50,771
CONSTRUCTION	60	141	$25,980
Construction of buildings	20	61	$22,345
Heavy and civil engineering construction	7	11	$32,038
Specialty trade contractors	33	69	$28,223
MANUFACTURING	20	335	$31,999
Food manufacturing	2	*	*
Textile mills	1	*	*
Textile product mills	1	*	*
Leather and allied product manufacturing	2	*	*
Wood product manufacturing	3	*	*
Printing and related support activities	1	*	*
Chemical manufacturing	1	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	2	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	1	*	*
Transportation equipment manufacturing	1	*	*
Furniture and related product mfg	2	*	*
Miscellaneous manufacturing	3	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	15	45	$52,702
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	5	*	*
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	6	21	$64,996
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	4	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	31	247	$16,738
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	4	27	$30,456
Furniture and home furnishings stores	1	*	*
Electronics and appliance stores	1	*	*
Building material & garden supply stores	2	*	*
Food and beverage stores	5	94	$13,736
Health and personal care stores	1	*	*
Gasoline stations	8	72	$11,721
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	2	*	*
General merchandise stores	1	*	*

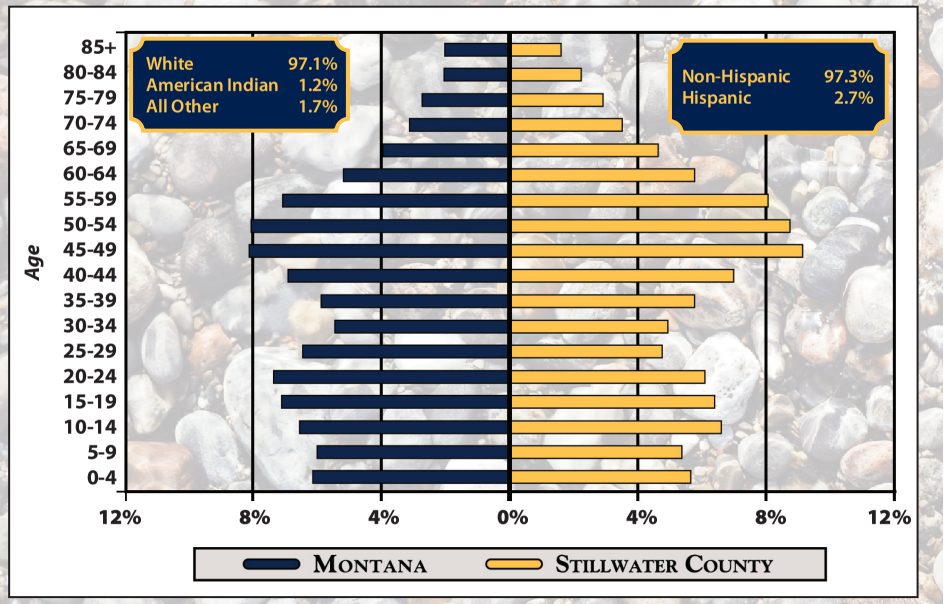
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)
** Data Not Disclosable*

Population for Stillwater County & Related Areas

Geography	% Change 2000-2006	Population Estimates July 1, 2006	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2001	July 1, 2000	Census April 1, 2000
Stillwater County	5.5%	8,646	8,468	8,428	8,447	8,454	8,376	8,224	8,195
Columbus town	10.5%	1,931	1,892	1,890	1,879	1,856	1,820	1,762	1,748
Balance of Stillwater County	4.2%	6,715	6,576	6,538	6,568	6,598	6,556	6,462	6,447

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Distribution of Population by Age
Montana and Stillwater County, 2006



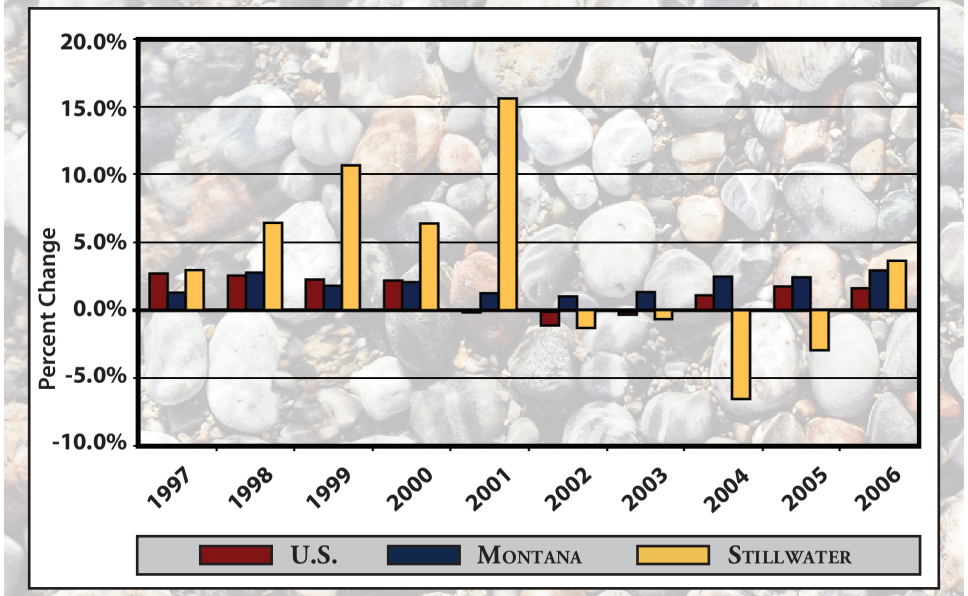
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 Population Estimates

Highest Level of Educational Attainment
(Population 25 years and older)

Educational Attainment	Stillwater County	Montana	U.S.
Less than High School Diploma	12.5%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	39.1%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	25.1%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	5.5%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	13.1%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	3.2%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	1.2%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	0.4%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Percent Change in Employment: 1997 to 2006
U.S., Montana, and Stillwater County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Top 10 Private Employers in Stillwater County
(Based on 2nd Quarter 2007 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Beartooth Manor	4	Special K Ranch	4
Beartooth Mountain Christian Ranch	4	Stillwater Community Hospital	5
IGA Plus	5	Stillwater Mining Company	9
McDonalds	5	Timberweld Manufacturing	5
Montana Silversmiths	6	Town Pump	4

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW) This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

Agricultural Statistics - Stillwater County

Farms	
Farms: (number)	552
Land in farms (acres)	890,326
Average size of farms (acres)	1,613
Farms by size: (number)	
Less than 1,000 acres	352
1,000 acres or more	200
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	
Less than $100,000	492
$100,000 or more	60
Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Family, Individual, Partnership	496
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	56

Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested	
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	46,809
Hogs and pigs	(D)
Sheep and lambs	5,954
Horses and ponies	1,757
Bison	477
Chickens (layers and broilers)	949
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	454
Corn for silage or greenchop	1,958
Wheat for grain, All	25,202
Winter wheat for grain	13,317
Durum wheat for grain	(D)
Spring wheat for grain	(D)
Barley for grain	8,700
Oats for grain	589
Sunflower seed, All	(D)
Soybeans for beans	0
Hay, haylage, grass silage	51,291

Operator Demographics	
Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	339
Other	213
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	464
Not on farm operated	88
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	166
10 years or more	386
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	278
55 years and over	274
Average age of operators: (number)	55.7

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002
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